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Last of Strong Russian Fortresses Falls Before Onrush of Teutonic Invaders-Von Hindenburg's Army Takes City By Storm-British Troopship Torpedoed And All on Board Lost —Bodies of 600 Are Recovered.

Berlin, Sept. 3-Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army today captured Grodno, the last of the strong Russian forces to hold out before the invasion of the Teutonic

The fall of the city was foreshadowed when the Russians, a few days ago, began the evacuation of the ancient ific case in which Gray is involved, financially, through his partner's fortress.

Official announcement of the capture came today, following announcements that the outer forts had been reduced by storming tactics.

The capture of Grodno marks an important step in the Teutonic invasion of Russia, and is one of the turning bull. Both were clients of Gray. The points in the enveloping movement which has been pushed by the central powers.

The German troops which are advancing on the important Russian port of Riga on the Baltic, have made a further gain of consequence. Official announcement was made here today that they had captured a position northwest of Friedrichstadt, which is about 40 miles from Riga.

#### BRITISH TRANSPORT IS TORPEDOED

Berlin, Sept. 3-"Telegrams from Sofia," says the Overseas News Agency today, "state that at the entrance to the Dardanelles a British transport struck a mine and sank with 320 ed King passed them a forged deed officers, 1,250 soldiers and 300 members of the crew, all of whom were drowned. Six hundred bodies were recovered."

SKULL FRACTURED IN ROW

KILLS ONE, NABS SECOND

escape, Chief of Police Washington placed in the custody of James. This James killed one and saw the other morning when he took them to their

Leaving the building, the prisoners breakfast they set upon him, took his within two hours. During the attack revolver and locked him in a cell. the chief's skull was fractured and Leaving the building, thep risoners

his nose broken by blows with a were noticed by two street car emhammer James was already weak- ployed who entered the jail and re-

ened by a bullet wound received a few leased James. The chief refused to months ago from a man who resisted wait for medical attendance and ob-

After today's experience he was hopped into an automobile and started

The dead man was known as James and called upon them to surrender.

taken to a hospital, where his condi- in pursuit. He overtook the men on

Harmon, who with a companion, Harmon's reply was two shots from Wallace Williams, alias Walter Welsh, the chief's gun. Then James began

had been held on a charge of burglary shooting and his third bullet went

alleged to have stolen an automobile liams made a dash through the brush in Boston Tuesday night and driving where he was found hiding a few

here to have broken open a safe in minutes later. An added charge of as-

a local garage. Early the next morn- sault with intent to kill was made

for a hearing today. They claimed to through Harmon's head. hall from Syracuse, N. Y., and were As his companion fel

had been frightfully beaten by two upon by the police.

be invested.

Turksh Force in Danger Paris, Sept. 3—An important part of the Turkish forces on the Gallipoll Peninsula has been surrounded by the allies and its surrender is imminent, says an Athens despatch to the Fournier Agency.

British Steamer Torpedoed London, Sept. 3-The British steam-Roumanie has baen sunk, presum-

ably by a submarine. The crew has been landed safely. The Roumanie was a vessel of 1,tons. She sailed from Blythe July 13 for England where she arrived July 35. No records are avail-

### Evacuation of Grodno Begun By Russians

able of her movements since that date.

London, Sept. 3—The evacuation of include pro-Grodno is under way. Petrograd ad-inadequate. mits officially that Russian forces are port that its evacuation is imminent they will prove successful.

prisoners who were attempting to

tion was said to be serious.

GRAY MUST RIOTING PRECIPITATED BY POLICE, IS MAKE GOOD KING FRAUD CLAIM OF STRIKERS; MANY INJURED

His Law Partner Signed Receipt For \$700 Which Has Vanished - Money Was Payment on Farm Land Purchase.

Mrs. King, Left in Financial Fairfield Home as Board-School.

Although John P. Gray, assistant prosecuting attorney of the Bridgeport city court, has admitted that he has signed without knowing their contents many papers, for his absconding law partner, Clitus H. King, the first specshortcomings, came to light today.

The signature of Gray, as well as that of King, appears on a receipt for which was given as part payment by John Chihal of Newark' and Steve Kurma of this city, for a farm owned by C. F. Brinsmade of Trummoney was turned over, Gray says, to .This afternoon he went to Trumbull, to try to straighten out the affair. Brinsmade is a grain and feed merchant of Trumbull.

Mrs. C. H. King, left in financial straits through her husband's sudden disappearance, is preparing to turn the King homestead in Fairfield into a boarding house. The 17 years old and Batcheller Co. girls will also have son of the lawyer is preparing to go floats. to work in Bridgeport, having abandoned plans for a college career. He admits receiving the money and

signing the receipt with his partner. Chihal and Kurma are now in pos-session of the property. It is believto the place. Attorney Gray in telling of the transaction said today that Chihal and Kurma were his clients caused no surprise here. It has been evident for some time that Grand Duke Nicholas had no intention of allowing a number of men sufficient an outlier on the property for which and they came looking for a farm. King knew that Brinsmade, the to maintain a long defense to be penned up in any fortress which could be invested.

an option on the property for which he paid Mr. Brinsmade \$50. This is all the cash Mr. Brinsmade receiv-

Along the Galician border General ed. Ivanoff continues to retire, but not without inflicting heavy losses on the Austro-German forces, which have 31st. Attorney Gray claims that Chibeen shaken several times by vigorous counter-attacks. In the center and the extreme north the Germans are making little progress. The Russians claim another local success near Vilna. charge of the money and proposed The great artiflery duel continues to Attorney Gray that he give the slong the western front held by the money to E. W. S. Pickett former along the western front held by the money to E. W. S. Pickett, former French. The ultimate purpose of this postmaster of Fairfield, to close the activity is still obscure.

deal with Mr. Brinsmade, he said, as The British press is not greatly Mr. Pickett was more familiar with pleased at the reception by the United real estate transactions than either of States of Germany's promise to moditive lawyers. Attorney Gray claims fy her submarine campaign. It com-plains that a promise which does not his partner took the money, saying include protection for merchantmen is he would give it to Mr. Brinsmade. Attorney Gray, Orville Burton, town

Negotiations between Turkey and clerk of Trumbull, Mr. Brinsmade and being withdrawn from the right bank Bulgaria concerning railroad conces- Messrs. Chihal and Kurma were in the of the Niemen. The loss by the Russions to the latter are again under conference this afternoon but Chihal sians of the last of their strong for- way. It is not expected in quarters and Kurma insisted they had paid for tresses has been expected and the re- favorable to the entente allies that the land and they would hold. Attorney Gray is civilly responsible for the money for which he receipted. In endeavoring to straighten out his

partner's affairs and to clear the firm name, Mr. Gray has been in conference with members of Mr. King's family and some of his political friends. WITH PRISONERS, OFFICER Attorney Gray said it had been agreed that no information concerning Mr. King's affairs would be volunteered, but as fast as new evidence of irregu-

(Continued on Page 2) WRECKERS Hingham, Mass., Sept. 3-After he and surrendered after being fired ARE HELD IN \$20,000

> Policeman Virelli Will Be state sections. Arraigned in Middletown City Court Sept. 15.

Are Charged With Having Removed Portion of Track With Intent to Derail Train on Valley Branch.

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 3-Two of the men arrested and held in Bridge-It is understood that the machinists the men arrested and held in Bridge-union last night voted to stand by port yesterday on the charge of being their fellows in the Bassett plant be- responsible for the wreck of a passcause unionism is fighting for an enger train over the Valley Division claiming 85, suddenly left their work corset bones and articles of covered formally charged with removing por-

## AT CRANE CO. PLANT; A.F. OF L. TO ACT LABOR UNIONISTS TURN THOUGHTS Several Hundred Strikers, Incensed When One of Straits, Opens Pretty FROM STRIKES TO PLANS FOR BIG ing House — Son Quits JUBILATION MONDAY IN NEW HAVEN

Labor Day will be a day of jubilation for nearly 10,000 workers of Bridgeport. It will be a celebration of the transformation of the city from a community of factories where long hours and poor wages was almost the rule, to a city of eight hours, good wages, and modern working conditions.

Probably 4,000 girls who have been emancipated from the tyranny of "charges," existence wages, and long hours, will show their appreciation of what the labor movement and the co-operation of their employes have done for them, by parading in New Haven at the big celebration there.

Leading the paraders will be the girl pioneers of the fight for better conditions here, the employes of the Warner Bros.' Co. Six huge floats, Rubber Co. workers. with five gigantic corsets and one big brassiere will be mounted on the floats and within each will be a hand-

some girl. The La Resista Corset Co. employes will decide tonight what floats they will place in the parade. The Crown

Attempts are being made this afternoon to charter a big steamer to carry the girls from Bridgeport to New It is expected that \$500 will Haven. be donated for the purpose if it can be accomplished. The employes of the Bryant Elec-

Co. will celebrate Monday, too. The Bias girls returned this morning under their new working conditions. The girls of the Albert & E. Henkels Lace Co., have procured jobs in other factories, where they are

working under the conditions they asked for in their own factory. Ira Ornburn, organizer of the State Federation of Labor, said this after. fortnight. noon that it was expected that freight handlers in Hartford, Waterbury and ernoon or tomorrow. Strikes were

The Canfield Rubber Co. employes are still holding out for the eight

The employes of the Salt's Textile Co. are rapidly acquiring jobs elsewhere. Half of them have offers for positions.

No answers have been received from the Crane Co. or American Graphophone Co. officials. They are expected early next week. The eight hour day is expected by

the workers in the Max Ams Co., in Fairfield, as a result of a conference with the officials yesterday. No change was recorded today in the situation at the Remington Arms

The American Chain Co. has made no further advances to the men. tric Co. and the Bias Narrow Fabric Labor leaders will be inactive for several days in this city because of the proximilty of Labor Day. Con-

ventions and labor celebrations are occupying their time.

elected international president of the organization will preside.

## U.S. WON'T ACT ON PAPAL PLEA SEEKING PEACE

Will Await Notice From Warring Powers That Action Will Be Welcomed.

labor leaders, won't have the support of Fairfield county even if he should offices will be welcomed by both sides persist in his ambition to capture in the conflict. This was stated authe G. O. P. nomination for governor thoritatively here today in official dis-That Fairfield county isn't entirely Benedict, delivered to President Wil-arried away with the boomlet for son yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons. Son yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons. Their case was called front of the offices of the plant. In the city court at 9:40 o'clock. At

From the fact that the Vatican is in the legislative reunion at the Mo- close touch with Austria, the con-

ticket with Wilson. Here's the way and that he will do everything posguin, the other day, speaking to a United States, however, will do noth-number of friends: ing likely to endanger its position as its test of the scene. "The Healy sentiment is quite a friend to all belliegerents, it was said

The Max Ams Co., which moved to templated in the plan for an inner degash that required 30 stitches to close. eight hour day and is not seeking a of the New York, New Haven Hart-Today a strike followed and it is ford Railroad on August 27, 1911, in A committee of employes called on the machinists will which wreck 60 persons were hurt make the eight hour demand as have and one later died of injuries were the management of the factory yestermake the eight hour demand as have omployes in other departments. The company employes 1.300 persons the presented before Judge Wesley U. The management of the factory yester-light, will be used to house the men day and presented the submarine fleet detailed to that policemen drove the men east on presented before Judge Wesley U. Quiet Reigns In the management of the factory yester-light, will be used to house the men day and presented the submarine fleet detailed to that policemen drove the men east on presented before Judge Wesley U. Proget I Pearne in the city court today and as now received and overtime ar- department is working out details and nue and the lots adjacent. the new base probably will be in op- The police attack infuriated the

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Their Number is Cracked on Head By Police Sergeant's Nightstick, Fling Brickbats As-Police Charge on Crowd.

TWO PRISONERS SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR ONE YEAR IN 15 MINUTE TRIALS

Clubbing Victim, With Gash in Scalp That Requires 20 Stitches, Left Unattended in Pen of City Court Until Many Hours After He Receives Injury.

Investigation by the American Federation of Labor into the charge of strikers that policemen were largely at fault in precipitating rioting at the Crane Co., West End plant, was promised by high officials of that body this afternoon.

While in no way condoning violence on the part of strikers, the labor leaders are inclined to the belief that the policemenwith the use of more judgment might have averted the serious outbreak this morning that was the first grave infraction of the peace during all Bridgeport's labor troubles.

Half a dozen policemen were injured in a riot this morning when 500 strikers clashed with a squad under Sergeant Charles Wheeler.

Two of the strikers were arraigned in the city-court this morning at 9:40 o'clock and 9:55 o'clock they were in the prisoner's pen fined and sentenced to a year in jail. They had no lawyer.

Laundry workers are being largely organized in this city with the probability that all the shops will be charged the men. A battle ensued

street, was arrested as a ringleader Judge Frank L. Wilder, on the recommendation of Assistant Prosecuting however. Steve Shurenski Attorney John P. Gray, sentenced the caught. men to six months for assault, and six months and a fine of \$1 and costs were meted out for breach of the against the policemen's clubs.

James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L. lots and side streets.

While the battle was at its height said this afternoon that an investigation would be begun. It is not the somebody pulled a revolver and fired policy of the federation to protect four shots. Sergeant Wheeler and the those who start riots, but the assertions of the strikers indicate that the fired and the prisoners say it must police may have provoked the attack. have been a policeman. Heads were smashed right and left.

men fought back strenuously. Two policemen, Martin Kane and thoritatively here today in official dis-cussions of the messages from Pope neighborhood of 6 o'clock the strikers Steve and Tony

mauguin, this week. The authority struction placed by the officials on the plant, and an automobile owned by the for the expression of divided sentiment is Secretary of State Charles D. powers would be willing to discuss Burnes.

Discretary of State Charles D. powers would be willing to discuss Wheeler and Policemen John Curry, were pulling men off wheels and he

The Mendelson and John Dempsey rushed merely trying to influence employes

Statements differ as to what precipitated the trouble. According to the against the pair first, but Policeman tesimony of he policemen, the strikers Mendelson said he heard Tony say were stopping men on the way to the plant and forcibly detaining them. Some, they said, were pulled off bicycles. They said one old man, a Syrian, who it was declared at the plant is holding his job as a pension, was

struck by a stone.

Shurenki and a companion who was at the scene of disorder, said, however, that they were peaceable. They asserted a watchman at the plant had interfered with them and "started pushing them around."

Things began to happen, however, when Sergeant Wheeler aproached Moskowski, who appeared to be the more for assault. An appeal was alleader of the strikers, and sought to lowed under bonds of \$1,000 but the prevent him from picketting. State-ments differ as to what happened here, but they unite in asserting that Mos-hearing from the blow he had rec kowski immediately afterward re- ed. Washington, Sept. 3—The first of the American submarine bases con- the American submarine bases con- sergeant's night stick, which opened a red handkerchief about it, and it was Sergeant Wheeler ordered a charge, taken to the Emergency hospital.

formally charged with removing portions of the rails with intent to detions of the rails with intent to derail a train.

The men. Nunzio Buchemo and Se.

According to the report made this morning at Machinists' hall, the committee was received in a favorable manner and a reply is promised in a The ships will run out to sea on daily bluecoats. Policeman Mendelson was of the strikers of the Salt's Textile

It was soon after 6 o'clock this Co. Policeman Quilty sought morning when the Crane employes got knee bandaged. He was struck with into an altercation with policemen over the picketing at the plant. Police reserves were called and they lice reserves were called and they hands with sticks. Dwyer said he was A meeting of the metal polishers of this city will be held at Eagles' hall tonight at 8 o'clock at which the newly elected international providers.

In which the policemen armed with night sticks fought the crowd, which was throwing stones, scrap iron and bottles.

Tony Moskowski of 174 Sprace. also hit with a hydrant coupling. Po-

peared to be about Sergeant Wheeler after a sensational chase in an auto- A watchman at the Crane plant said His head was split open a striker jumped on Wheeler's back Steven Shurenski of 2 West avenue, was also arrested. After a few minutes hearing in the city court, Deputy catch Moskowski, whose head he had

. The battle was over in a few min-utes. Thes trikers couldn't stand up

policemen said they don't know who

When the crowd dispersed, sight Washington, Sept. 3—The United States will make no further efforts to bring about peace in Europe until it bas received information that its good a saloon at Park and Railroad avenues. He attempted to escape by Michael Quilty, had been on duty near hiding in a closet but he was hauled

Steve and Tony were taken to police A telephone call for reserves was sent to headquarters from inside the prsoner's pen, fined each \$1 and costs Sergeant Wheeler was first called

Mr. Burnes comes from Stamford.

He was elected last year and was one of the candidates on the same ticket with Wilson. Here's the way and that he will do not be said the result of the candidates of the same ticket with Wilson. Here's the way and that he will do not be said the result of the same to the s

to join the sirike. The simple charge of breach of the peace was entered "We'll kill all the cops if it takes 10 years." Judge Wilder ordered an additional charge of assault.

Steve was given a short hearing, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John P. Gray then addressed the judge. "Your honor," he said, "This the most serious thing that has hap-pened at this stage of the game. I recommend the absolute maximum penalty."

Judge Wilder merely said "Yes" and he fined each \$1 and costs and sentenced them for six months for breach of the peace and six months

Moskowski suffered during the hearing from the blow he had receiv-ed. It was more than four inches not until about 11 o'clock that he was

None of the other strikers appear-ed at the hospital for treatment, although many received lusty clouts on their heads.

East End Strikes

AT SHELTON SHOP; ASK 8 HOUR DAY

MACHINISTS QUIT

Shelton, Conn., Sept. 3-Machinists to the number of 50, some strikers mostly girls. The product is buckles, in the R. N. Bassett Co., today. Earl- wire. ier in the week wire coverers and employes in other departments struck for the eight hour day. The machinists then did not go out as they demands, receiving a 55 hour day for ture. Moderate north winds.

ing they were overtaken in Quincy against him a 59 hour one without pay reduction.

The men were brought here and

taining a pair of automatic revolvers,

the road a half mile from the jail

As his companion fell dead, Wil-

WEATHER FORECAST

# **BOOM FOR HEALY** SHADES WILSON

Bridgeport Mayor's Chances Killed-Burnes Tells of Healy's Strength.

Lieut. Gov. Clifford B. Wilson, who as mayor of Bridgeport, promptly spoiled his own gubernatorial boom by his recent action here in arresting

in 1916. carried away with the boomlet for son yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons. Wilson is one of the aftermaths of From the fact that the Vatican is

he expressed himself at the Momau-sible to further the movement.

strong in the southern part of Fairfield county."

Two Men Arrested by State

Policeman Virelli Will Be

strong in the southern part of Fairfield county."

Mr. Burnes had reference to Speaker Frank E. Healy, whose candidacy
has been given a big impetus in up
Cardinal Gibbons gives it out.

## **EMPLOYES EXPECT** AMS CO. SOON TO HAVE 8 HOUR DAY

Delegation of Employes Favorably Received In New Fairfield Plant.

hour factories this week.